# Andrew L. "Andy" Josephson—House District 17 Representative—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)

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**Age:** 54

Place of Birth: Anchorage

Spouse's Name: Donna

Occupation: Attorney/Teacher

Length of Residency in Alaska: 54 years

## **Alaskan Communities Lived in:**

Anchorage: July, 1964-Present, except for:

Juneau: (January-May of 1990, 2003, 2013-2018)

Lower Kalskag: (August, 1991-May, 1994)

Fairbanks: (November, 1997-September, 1998)

Kenai: (September, 1998-June, 1999) Kotzebue: (December, 1999-May, 2001)

#### **Education:**

West High (1982); Whitman College (BA, History, 1986); UAA (Master of Arts in Teaching, 1992); Penn State-Dickinson School of Law (JD, 1997)

### **Political and Government Positions:**

Municipal Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals, and Planning and Zoning Commission (2005-2008) Alaska State House (2013-Present)

#### **Business and Professional Positions:**

Internship (Sen. Ted Stevens); Legislative Aide (17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Alaska Legislatures); Public School Teacher (Kuspuk School District, Kalskag); Superior Court Judicial Law Clerk (4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Districts, Fairbanks and Kenai); Assistant District Attorney, (Kotzebue); Associate Attorney (Law Offices of Dan Allan, and Law Offices of G.R. Eschbacher, 2003-2012); Adjunct Instructor of Constitutional Law, (UAA, 2003-2008).

## **Special Interests:**

Backpacking, baseball, fishing, skiing, running/swimming

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### **Position Statement:**

I'm the only member of the Legislature spanning the last 6 years to have <u>never missed</u> a Floor vote of any kind—ever! My attendance at committees is also exemplary. I'm the proud author of HB 23, a bill providing healthcare to surviving spouses and children of first responders killed in the line-of-duty. For the last 6 years, I've supported good Republican legislation, while fighting the GOP's bad legislation.

I'm a legislative leader relative to supporting the civil rights of same-sex orientation persons.

I've also been a leading advocate and staunch supporter of the protection of wild animals, waters and lands.

I defended victims' rights in the 2016-2018 sessions.

Finally, I was a leading champion of the State's receipt of Medicaid Expansion dollars.

# I Will Continue To:

- \*Oppose the Pebble Mine: We shouldn't trade renewable resources for non-renewable resources, especially when local communities most directly impacted by a project oppose it.
- \*Oppose Vouchers: We shouldn't become islands unto ourselves. Our country was built on public education. It should be about "We", not about "I".
- \*Oppose Electing Our Judiciary: We have the finest state court system in the country. It's impartial and totally apolitical.
- \*Support the Biggest Economic Project in Alaska History--AKLNG--<u>if</u> it pencils out and helps our State Treasury!
- \*Support Oil Development, especially onshore.
- \*Support the Full-Funding of Our Public Schools.
- \*Support the Rights of Workers and the Dignity of Individuals.
- \*Support a Comprehensive Fiscal Plan—I've Taken Tough Votes and Won't Dodge This Crisis!

